

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 18-21, 27-29, 34, and 37-38 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 18-21, 27, 29, and 37 are amended.

I. Specification

The title of the application has been shortened by this amendment and as recommended by the Examiner.

The Office Action asserts that Figures 17(a), 17(b), 17(c), 17(d), 17(e) and 17(f) are considered to be separate Figures and should each be listed in the brief description of drawings. The applicant has individually listed these drawings within the specification by this amendment.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Office Action asserts that claims 20 and 21 recite "the film forming apparatus," and that claims 18 and 20 upon which these claims respectively depend are drawn to an electro-optic device. By this amendment, the applicant has provided clarification to claims 20 and 21. Therefore, based on the clarification provided by this amendment it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6, 8-10, 18-21, 27-29, 34, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,372,154 to Li (hereinafter "Li"). The Office Action asserts that Li discloses a luminescent ink composition comprising a luminescent organic compound ("solu"), an inert solvent ("solvent") and a function additive ("metal deactivator"). We respectfully traverse this assertion.

Li fails to disclose a range for solubility parameter of the "additive" and the "additional materials" that correspond to the metal deactivator recited in independent claims 1, 18, 19, 27 and 29. Paragraph [0131] of applicants specification discloses that the solubility parameter of the metal deactivator is in the range of about 7.0 to about 13.0. The independent claims have been amended accordingly.

Based on the discussion above, we therefore believe that independent claims 1, 18, 19, 27 and 29 are in condition for allowance. We respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

Claims 1-10, 18-21, 27-29, 34, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0062947 to Lamansky et al. (hereinafter "Lamansky"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The Office Action asserts that Lamansky discloses organic electroluminescent devices comprising a charge transport matrix. The Office Action goes on to assert that the matrix may comprise triazole derivatives per the "metal deactivator" (paragraph [0040]). Lamansky fails to disclose a liquid composition including hydrazide compounds as a metal deactivator (paragraph [0102]).

Therefore, the materials disclosed by Lamansky are not the same as those specified by the applicant. Based on the discussion above, applicant believes that claims 1-10, 18-21, 27-29, 34, 37 and 38 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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